

REMARKS

Claims 21 - 40 are pending in the present application. All claims were rejected. All rejections are traversed.

Double Patenting

All claims in the present application were subject to an obviousness-type double patenting rejection over the parent of the present application, now-issued patent 6,625,134. This application and the '134 patent are commonly owned; a terminal disclaimer is filed herewith. These rejections are believed to be moot, and are traversed.

As the double-patenting rejection was the only rejection stated; all claims are believed to be allowable.

SUMMARY

For the reasons given above, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of pending claims and that this Application be passed to issue. If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *jmockler@davismunck.com*.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.


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